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SUBJECT: BAHAMAS LIVESTOCK R&D PROJECT

1. AMBASSADOR, DCM AND AID DIRECTOR MET WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROBERTS TODAY (JUNE 21) IN FOLLOW UP TO PREVIOUS SESSIONS (NASSAU 1062) ON BLRD PROJECT. AMB ASKED IF GCOB WAS YET IN POSITION TO APPROVE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION INVOLVING APPOINTMENT DIRECT HIRE USAID PROJECT COORDINATOR WHO WOULD RESIDE AT ANDROS PROJECT SITE, AND WHETHER OUR NOMINEE (MADDEN) WAS ACCEPTABLE. HE ALSO ASKED IF GCOB WAS YET IN A POSITION TO APPOINT BAHAMIAN PROJECT CO MANAGER CALLED FOR IN PROJECT AGREEMENT. AMB NOTED, FINALLY, WE HOPED TO BE IN POSITION BY NEXT WEEK TO PROVIDE MINISTER WITH ASSESSMENT HE HAD REQUESTED OF SPECIFIC MANPOWER AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS WHICH GCOB WOULD FACE FOR CONTINUING BLRD PROJECT AFTER COMPLETION ITS FIRST FIVE YEARS. MINISTER ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF WHO WOULD PLAN, PAY FOR AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT INAUGURATION CEREMONIES SCHEDULED FOR JULY 11.

2. MINISTER ROBERTS SAID HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO APPROVE NEW POSITION OF RESIDENT AID PROJECT MANAGER - OR OUR NOMINEE - UNTIL HE HAD A CLEAR IDEA OF FUTURE POSITION AND ROLE OF NEIL WORKER, PRESENT RESIDENT MANAGER. HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY WORKER COULD NOT FILL POSITION WE PROPOSED, FELT THAT THERE WAS SOME ELEMENT OF VENDETTA AGAINST WORKER, WHO WAS EXTREMELY POPULAR AMONG BAHAMIANS CONNECTED WITH PROJECT. MORALE WOULD SUFFER IF WORKER WAS SACKED. WE

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RECAPITULATED ARGUMENTS FOR SINGLE PROJECT HEAD, NEED FOR

THIS TO BE DIRECT EMPLOYEE UNQUIVOCALLY RESPONSIBLE TO US GOVT. THIS WAS NORMAL PATTERN FOR PROJECTS LIKE THIS, AND CONFUSION HAD RESULTED FROM DECISION TO DEPART FROM IT IN THIS CASE. WE UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE ASAP A PROPOSED ORGANIZATION CHART SHOWING WHAT KIND OF CONTINUING RESPONSIBLE ROLE WORKER WOULD PLAY, AND NOTED THAT AS NON US CITIZEN AND CONTRACT EMPLOYEE HE COULD NOT BE GIVEN PROJECT COORDINATOR'S JOB. ROBERTS CONTINUES TO BE CLEARLY UNEASY ABOUT THIS ENTIRE SHIFT AND FEELS HE HAS NOT BEEN DEALT WITH CANDIDLY. ALSO, IT IS CLEAR WE WILL HAVE TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE TO MUTUAL SATISFACTION BEFORE WE CAN EXPECT FIRM ANSWER ON BAHAMIAN COUNTERPART APPOINTMENT.

3. ROBERTS STRESSED URGENCY HE CONTINUED TO ATTACH TO GETTING MANPOWER REQUIREMENT ASSESSMENT HE ASKED FOR, SINCE THIS WOULD MATERIALLY AFFECT EVOLUTION GCOB POLICY ON PROJECT AND ITS DIRECTION.

4. RE JULY 11 OPENING CEREMONIES, HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT IDENTIFYING WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP TABS. WE SAID WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH SOME FUNDS AND PERHAPS IN TRANSPORTATION OF BAHAMIAN DIGNITARIES FROM NASSAU TO ANDROS, AND WOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY. ESSENTIALLY, HOWEVER, WE VIEWED THIS AS BAHAMIAN SHOW AND PLANNING RESPONSIBILITY WAS PRINCIPALLY THEIRS. ROBERTS SAID SUGGESTION CAME FROM US SIDE, HE HAD MERELY PICKED DATE. AMB HAS ASKED HALPIN TO CHECK RECORD, SINCE IF THIS US SUGGESTION WE WILL HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO EXPEND SOME EFFORT AND MONEY. SPIERS

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